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1. On 22 July 1950 it was learned that all of the Volkspolizei units in the Soviet Zone of Germany are being equipped with new motor vehicles of a standard type. \* It was said that the Soviet Zone government was negotiating with the Czechoslovakian government for the purchase of Skoda motor vehicles. It is said that the Volkspolizei is selling its present motor vehicles of various types at reduced prices to civilian byyers because of the high cost of maintenance.

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On 22 July 1950 an informant said that all drivers employed by the government of Land Saxony were examined for service with the Volkspolizei. Seventy-eight of 140 were classified as physically fit for police service. This measure was allegedly also taken in the other Laender of the Soviet Zone of Germany.

Comment. Numerous reports on VP posts and west-bound shipments of Soviet trucks crossing the Oder-Neisse line substantiate the report of the increase in motor vehicles for the Bereitschaftspolizei and Landespolizei.

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